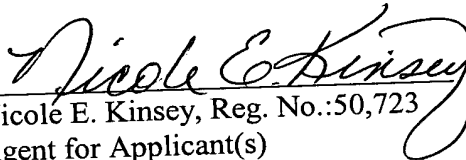


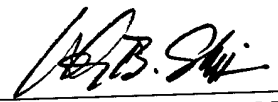
Further, in response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group V (claims 24-27, drawn to a polypeptide, and claim 35, drawn to a pharmaceutical agent) and SEQ ID NO:288 for prosecution on the merits.

The Examiner is urged to withdraw the restriction requirement because it has not been established that an undue searching burden would be required to examine the full scope of the claims.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned agent or attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,


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